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RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) NOTICE

The attachment hereto is responsive to the Notice dated April 30, 2002 issued pursuant to 42 USC §2182 (Form PTOL-456) and which set a response due date of June 14, 2002.

In this regard, there is attached hereto a Declaration of the inventors, K. Ümit YÜKSEL, Ana T. BIRD and Kirby S. BLACK, which sets forth the full facts concerning the circumstances under which the invention was made and conceived, and that the invention was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under terms of any contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of


the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission or its successors, the Energy Research and Development Administration or the Department of Energy.

An early and favorable reply on the merits of this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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